

REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect the following species for continued examination:

- Lower alcohol as the specific extractant in claims 13 and 14;
- Sophorae Radix extract as the specific inhibitor of 5 alpha-reductase activity, in claim 16;
- Hinokitiol as the specific activator of hair follicle cells in claim 16; and
- Capsicum tincture as the specific additional ingredient in claims 18 and 19.

Claims 21-25 read on the elected species. Applicants note that the generic claims will be examined upon allowance of a species claim and reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to additional species at a later time.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance for the remaining pending claims 11-20 and that the application be passed to issue. Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance of all pending claims 11-20 be timely issued in this case.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in any patent application processing fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17, including extension of time fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a)-(d), associated with this communication and to credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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